

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. - 13. (canceled).

14. (currently amended): A control unit comprising:

a communication device for communicating a connection information outputted from a remote control operating unit;

a recognition device for recognizing the connection between an information processing equipment and an information reproduction equipment connected to the information processing equipment, based on the connection information, that indicates that the information reproduction equipment is connected to the information processing equipment via a connector that is included in the information processing equipment, wherein the connection information is registered by an operator and outputted from the remote control operating unit; and

a control device for controlling the information processing equipment and the information reproduction equipment, based on a control signal output from the remote control operating unit corresponding to the connection between the information processing equipment and the information reproduction equipment connected to the information processing equipment recognized by the recognition device,

wherein the control device controls the information processing equipment and the information reproduction equipment, and judges whether to output a signal of the information reproduction equipment to the other information reproduction equipment, or to output a signal transmitted from the information processing equipment to the other information reproduction

equipment, based on a control signal output from the remote control operating unit, corresponding to the connection between the information processing equipment and the information reproduction equipment connected to the information processing equipment recognized by the recognition device, and

wherein the information processing equipment comprises:

a detection device which detects a presence of the information reproduction equipment connected to the information processing equipment; and

a detection result output device which outputs a detection result of the detection device to the control unit.

15. (canceled)

16. (currently amended): A remote control system comprising:

a remote control operating unit having:

an input device for inputting, from an operator, connection information which indicates information reproduction equipment connected to information processing equipment via a connector that is included in the information processing equipment,

a storage device for storing the connection information;

an output device for outputting the connection information; and

a control unit having a recognition device for recognizing the connection between the information processing equipment and the information reproduction equipment connected to the information processing equipment, based on the connection information output from the remote control operating unit,

wherein the control unit controls the information processing equipment and the information reproduction equipment, based on a control signal output from the remote control operating unit, corresponding to the connection between the information processing equipment and the information reproduction equipment connected to the information processing equipment recognized by the recognition device;

wherein the information processing equipment has a detection device for detecting the presence of the information reproduction equipment connected to the information processing equipment; and

wherein the control unit controls the information processing equipment and the information reproduction equipment, and the control unit judges whether to output a signal of the information reproduction equipment to the other information reproduction equipment, or to output a signal transmitted from the information processing equipment to the other information reproduction equipment, based on a control signal output from the remote control operating unit, corresponding to the connection between the information processing equipment and the information reproduction equipment connected to the information processing equipment recognized by the recognition device, and

wherein the information processing equipment comprises:

a detection device which detects a presence of the information reproduction equipment connected to the information processing equipment; and

a detection result output device which outputs a detection result of the detection device to the control unit.

17. (previously presented): A remote control system according to claim 16, wherein the information reproduction equipment includes a displaying device, and

wherein the control unit controls the information processing equipment and the information reproduction equipment, and the control unit judges whether to output a signal of the information reproduction equipment to the displaying device, or to output a signal transmitted from the information processing equipment to the displaying device, based on a control signal output from the remote control operating unit, corresponding to the connection between the information processing equipment and the information reproduction equipment including the displaying device connected to the information processing equipment recognized by the recognition device.

18. - 22. (canceled).

23. (new): A control unit according to claim 14, wherein signals inputted to the information processing equipment include image signals.

24. (new): A control unit according to claim 14, wherein the connector is an input/output connector.